

Creative Craft Ideas For Children

(NAPSA)—There are a number of crafty ways to help kids get their creative juices flowing. Try these fun craft ideas:

Hieroglyphic Scrolls

You and your children can make your own secret messages with items you probably have in the house. Just decorate an old paper bag with figures, birds and other symbols like ancient hieroglyphics. Then roll the bag up and store it in a paper towel tube. You can get a few ideas for your hieroglyphics by watching some “Tutenstein” episodes. The cartoon follows the 10-year-old mummy King Tut-ankh-en-set-amun on adventures that both children and parents can appreciate. Plus it combines humor and adventure with factual information about ancient Egyptian life, mythology and history.

Crafty Caterpillar

You and your children can make an army of egg carton caterpillars in a few simple steps. Just take a few egg cartons and rip the tops and bottoms apart carefully. Then turn the bottom of the cartons over so the bumpy sides are on top and let children paint the caterpillar. Just add some pipe cleaner antennae and you’re all set.

Baking Fun

If your children are shark fans, they may enjoy baking up some “Kenny The Shark” Shark Attack Cupcakes. Just frost cupcakes a cool blue and top with a “sandy” stripe of graham cracker crumbs for the shoreline. Add a gummy fin in the water and you’ll have cupcakes worth screaming for. The treats are inspired by “Kenny



So Creative—A number of fun craft projects can be tied to children’s favorite cartoons.

The Shark” from Genius Products and Discovery Kids. The cartoon helps children absorb a wealth of fun fish facts as they follow the adventures of Kenny, a lovable, walking, talking tiger shark who has found himself in the unusual position of being a family pet.

Available on separate DVDs, the release will include two volumes of each series: “Kenny The Shark: Feeding Frenzy (Vol. 1),” “Kenny The Shark: Good Guys Vs. Bad Guys (Vol. 2),” “Tutenstein: The Beginning (Vol. 1)” and “Tutenstein: A Bad Spell (Vol. 2).”

Popsicle Stick Pencil Holder

Your children can make a crayon holder out of Popsicle sticks, construction paper and a cup. Just measure and cut the construction paper so it is the correct length to wrap around the cup. Then lay the paper flat and glue a row of vertically placed popsicle sticks on it. Finally, rewrap the paper around the cup and glue in place. Kids can decorate the sticks with paint, glitter or fun shapes.